



security-based cabinets called “Pyxis” machines, that, stationed in various designated areas within the hospital, stored and dispensed medications to medical staff. The medications stored in the Pyxis machines included Schedule II controlled substances, including fentanyl. The automated Pyxis machines electronically tracked their respective inventories, including specific reductions in inventory when authorized users, such as the defendant, logged into the Pyxis machines and withdrew prescription drugs, such as fentanyl.

6. In her capacity as a nurse employed by Mercy South Hospital, the defendant was often tasked with withdrawing prescription drugs, including controlled substances, from the various Pyxis machines, and then preparing and administering those drugs to patients. Hospital protocol dictated that, in instances in which the patient did not require some or all of the medication withdrawn from the Pyxis machine, the medical professional who withdrew the medication should either (1) return the medication to the Pyxis machine, if the medication had not been tampered with and was still intact, or (2) waste the medication, if the medication had been tampered with and was therefore not intact.

### **COUNT 1**

#### **Obtaining Controlled Substances by Fraud** **Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(a)(3)**

7. Between on or about January 18, 2020, and February 2, 2020, the defendant devised and executed a scheme to falsely and fraudulently withdraw and obtain controlled substance medications from the Pyxis machines at Mercy South Hospital where she worked as a nurse. Specifically, for her own personal use and without a legal prescription, the defendant, on multiple occasions, illegally utilized her access to the Pyxis machines at Mercy South Hospital to withdraw fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, that she did not administer to a patient, return to a

Pyxis machine, or waste. Instead, the defendant thereby obtained fentanyl for her own personal use and without a legal prescription.

8. On or about February 2, 2020, within the Eastern District of Missouri,


**LINDSAY J. MAUPIN,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally acquire and obtain possession of a controlled substance, to wit: fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, by misrepresentation, fraud, and deception.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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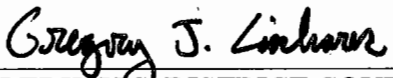
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I, Amy E. Sestric, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri,  
being duly sworn, do say that the foregoing information is true as I verily believe.

  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

  
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